



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of : :

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Application No. 10/761,223 : Confirmation No. 2739
Filed January 22, 2004 : Examiner TBA

Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR
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**PETITION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE
OF INCOMPLETE PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Applicant, by the undersigned, hereby petitions that the above-identified application be granted a filing date of January 22, 2004. The facts related to this petition are as follows:

1. On January 22, 2004, Applicant filed the above-identified application papers, including: (1) Transmittal form; (2) Recordation Form Cover Sheet and executed Assignment; (3) 23 pages of specification, claims and abstract; (4) executed Declaration and Power of Attorney form; (5) 5 sheets of drawings; (6) IDS, PTO-1449 form, and 4 references; and (7) \$810.00 filing fee. Copies of two returned postcard receipts are attached.

2. On August 4, 2004, the Patent Office issued a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, a copy of which is attached. The Notice alleges that the application was submitted without drawings and without an executed Declaration. The Notice further alleges that pages 21-23 of the specification (which includes the abstract) were not submitted.

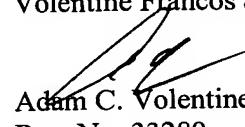
As evidenced by the returned postcard receipts, on January 22, 2004, the application was submitted with drawings, an executed Declaration, and 23 pages of specification, claims and abstract. It appears that these papers have been misplaced within the Patent Office, and accordingly copies are attached.

For the reasons stated above, Applicant contends that the above-identified application is entitled to a filing date of January 22, 2004.

A petition fee in the amount of \$130.00 is attached. However, since the application is entitled to a filing date of January 22, 2004, it is requested that the petition fee be refunded to the undersigned's deposit account no. 50-0238.

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